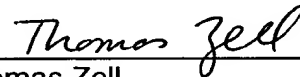


**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to examination for the purposes of correcting typographical errors and a missing reference number identified in Figures 2 and 6 during preparation of the formal drawings. These proposed changes to Figures 2 and 6 are set forth in a Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections attached hereto.

In the event the Examiner considers a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby requested to call Attorney for Applicant(s), Thomas Zell.

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